



On The Lake News

Live, Work and Shop in Hickory Creek

From The Mayor's Desk



Friends and Neighbors of Hickory Creek,

I am pleased to announce another successful audit of the town's finances by Hankins, Eastup, Deaton, Tonn & Seay, Certified Public Accountants. Each year, the town turns over their books so that Certified Public Accountant Carl Deaton can audit all financial statements, government activities, and each major fund of the Town of Hickory Creek. The audit is conducted in accordance with standards generally accepted by the United States of America and Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Below are the financial highlights:

- The assets of the Town of Hickory Creek exceeded its liabilities as of September 30, 2011 by \$6,327,953. Of this amount, \$1,946,506 may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The Town's net assets increased by \$185,832.
- As of September 30, 2011, the Town of Hickory Creek's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$4,142,844, an increase of \$162,797, in comparison with the beginning of the period. Approximately 44 percent of this amount, \$1,837,376, is available for spending at the government's discretion (unassigned fund balance).
- At the end of the current period, the unassigned fund balance for the general fund was \$1,837,376 or 57.1 percent of total general fund expenditures.
- The fund balance of the Town's general fund increased by \$139,528 during the current year.

These are all great indicators of how the town is being managed by the employees and Town Council. We strive to maintain low taxes and make sound financial decisions. The money you pay in property tax funds the Town's budget, which includes police protection, fire protection, public works, and administration. The Town's tax rate will remain at .424287 per \$100 of assessed value. Low taxes are very important to me and to the council. A conservative approach to expenditures ensures low taxes and a strong budget in the future.

What did we spend money on during 2010-2011? The Town constructed a Veterans Memorial Park north of Town Hall as a special tribute to all that have served in our armed forces. We completed several road projects and drainage projects. The Town improved many of its public parks, upgraded outdated police radios, and worked to attract new businesses to Hickory Creek. We also improved the Town's website and the EDC website for better communication. In addition, the Town made several energy efficient upgrades to the Public Works facility and changed outdoor emergency warning sirens from electric to solar power which will save on the Town's total energy usage.

Dates to Remember:

Presidents Day - Town offices closed February 20, 2012

Warrant Round-Up—February 13, 2012—February 24, 2012

Last Day to Register to Vote—April 12, 2012

Election Day—May 12, 2012

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Why Do I Need to Register

My Pet? by ACO Epperson



Registering your animal makes contacting you easier if it is lost or injured. We keep all your information in our files, which is accessible to us 24 hours a day/7 days a week.

This can save you money in the long run and registration with Hickory Creek is FREE! Not to mention yearly registration for each pet is a city ordinance and outweighs the fines imposed if not registered. Animals can be registered at Town Hall, the shelter during normal business hours, and at Corinth Vet. Please bring a copy of your current Rabies Certificate from your veterinary office for each animal.

What does the Town's Pet Ordinance Say?

Chapter 2 of the Town's Code of Ordinances outlines Animal Control issues. In part it states:

Sec. 2.03.002 restricted

It shall be unlawful to keep or harbor more than four dogs and/or more than four cats, six months of age or older, on any premises zoned or used, either partially or totally, for residential purposes and less than one (1) acre in area. In no event shall the aggregate number of domestic animals exceed a total of eight (8).

Sec. 2.03.031

No person shall own, keep, harbor, or have custody of any dog or cat over four (4) months of age within the town's corporate limits without obtaining registration from the town.

Sec. 2.03.033 renewal

If not revoked, registration for the keeping of dogs and cats shall be valid for one year from date of issue and must be renewed annually.

Sec. 2.05.001 required

(a) owner of a dog or cat four months of age or older shall have such animal vaccinated against rabies. All dogs or cats vaccinated at four months of age or older shall be revaccinated at one year of age and annually thereafter.

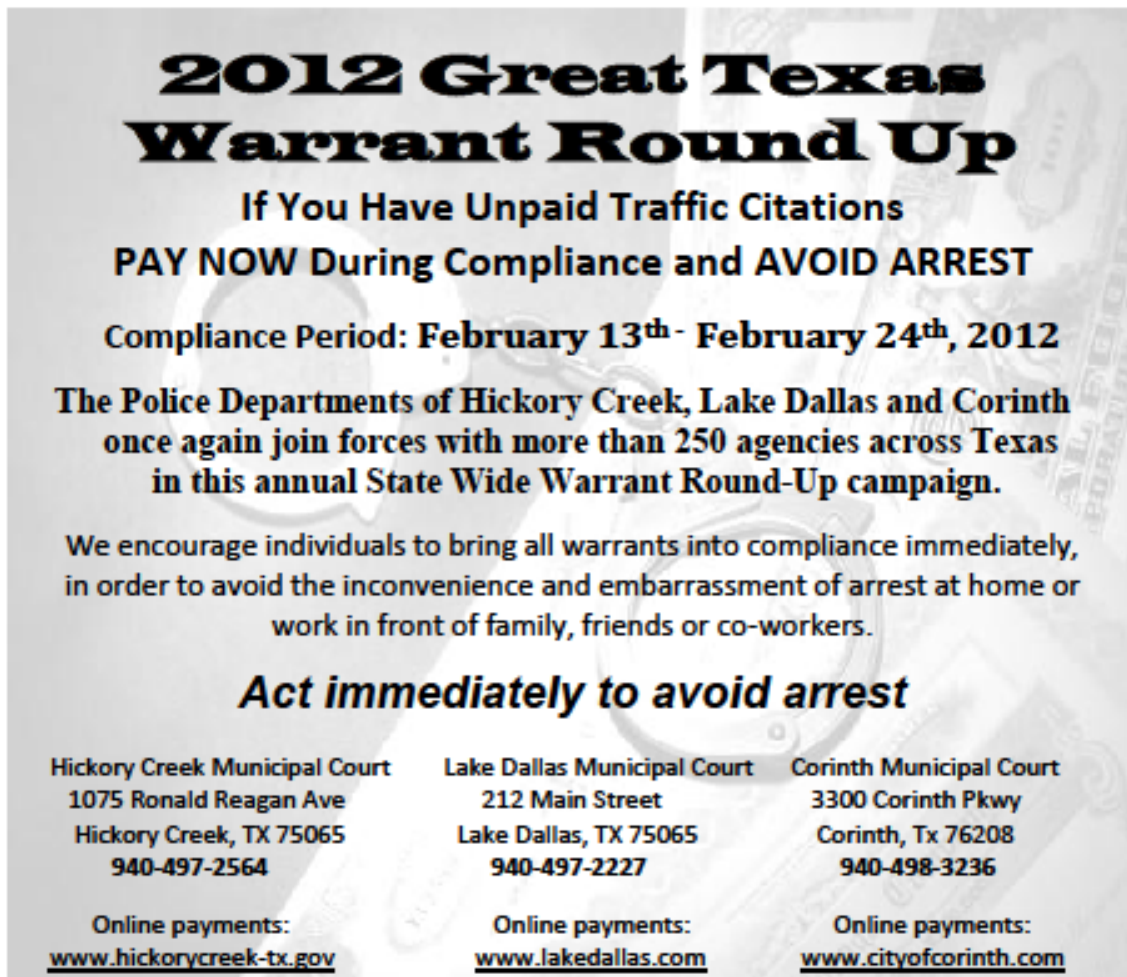
(b) person moving into the town from a location outside of the town shall comply with this article within ten (10) days after having moved into the town. If the dog or cat has inflicted a bite on any person, or another animal, within the last ten (10) days, the owner of said dog or cat shall report such fact to the veterinarian, and no rabies vaccine shall be administered until after the 10-day observation period.

Friends and Neighbors continued . . .

The 2011-2012 is looking to be a busy year for the Town. We have many projects that will begin in the next 2 months. These future developments will help the Town gain back lost ad valorem revenues and sales tax. Many road improvements are currently out for bid, and a major drainage project will begin soon along Turbeville Road and Point Vista Road. Major improvement will be made to Sycamore Bend Park including a new dock for boat launching and numerous enhancements. The park will also be upgraded to solar lighting to help save electricity. We will also make improvements to the pond next to Town Hall. This includes a water feature and a possible amphitheater along the banks. I am excited about all the projects and look forward to starting, and finishing these for the benefit of the town. The Town Council and I would like to thank all of our employees for doing a great job of managing the bottom line in regard to our budget. One more important note, we received preliminary sales tax numbers for the month of January in the amount of \$130,303.05 That is an increase of 16.36% from the previous year and a surplus for the month of January of \$18,319.41. This is great news!

I hope that 2012 is a great year for you and your families. Please contact me at anytime with questions and concerns. I am here to serve the citizens of Hickory Creek.

Mayor John M. Smith Jr.

A poster for the 2012 Great Texas Warrant Round Up. The background is a light gray with a faint, repeating pattern of the state of Texas. The text is in various shades of black and blue. The main title is in a large, bold, black serif font. Below it, the subtitle is in a smaller, bold, black serif font. The compliance period is in a bold, black serif font. The participating agencies are listed in a bold, black serif font. The encouragement text is in a regular, black serif font. The call to action is in a bold, italicized, black serif font. The contact information for the three courts is in a regular, black serif font. The online payment information is in a regular, black serif font.

**2012 Great Texas
Warrant Round Up**

**If You Have Unpaid Traffic Citations
PAY NOW During Compliance and AVOID ARREST**

Compliance Period: February 13th - February 24th, 2012

**The Police Departments of Hickory Creek, Lake Dallas and Corinth
once again join forces with more than 250 agencies across Texas
in this annual State Wide Warrant Round-Up campaign.**

We encourage individuals to bring all warrants into compliance immediately,
in order to avoid the inconvenience and embarrassment of arrest at home or
work in front of family, friends or co-workers.

Act immediately to avoid arrest

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| Hickory Creek Municipal Court 1075 Ronald Reagan Ave Hickory Creek, TX 75065 940-497-2564 | Lake Dallas Municipal Court 212 Main Street Lake Dallas, TX 75065 940-497-2227 | Corinth Municipal Court 3300 Corinth Pkwy Corinth, Tx 76208 940-498-3236 |
| Online payments: www.hickorycreek-tx.gov | Online payments: www.lakedallas.com | Online payments: www.cityofcorinth.com |



Hickory Creek

HELPING HANDS

Neighbors helping
Neighbors.



Hickory Creek Helping Hands has a purpose and that purpose is to serve Hickory Creek residents in need - when the unexpected happens, like a death or sickness in the family, or a household emergency such as fire. Helping Hands would like to thank all who donated canned food to the Fill The Pantry drive during the Christmas season - your gifts helped those in need and we thank you. Now we are asking you keep in mind that need is year round and donations of canned food will be accepted at town hall throughout the year to Fill The Pantry and keep it filled.

If you are interested in making Hickory Creek an even better place to live and raise your family and would like to be a part of Helping Hands, please contact Paul and Bry Kenney at 817.235.9944 or at helping.hands@hickorycreek-tx.gov .



MOLLY MOO PET SITTING SERVICE

WHETHER YOU NEED DOG WALKING OR CAT SITTING, OUR SERVICE TEAM CONFORMS OUR SCHEDULE TO FIT YOU AND YOUR PETS NORMAL ROUTINES. NOW BOOKING FOR YOUR SPRING BREAK HOLIDAYS - PLEASE HURRY AS WE ARE FILLING UP QUICKLY! REFERENCES GLADLY SHARED UPON REQUEST.

LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED BY A FELLOW HICKORY CREEK RESIDENT FOR OVER 6 YEARS.

940 594 2376



Town of Hickory Creek
General Election

May 12, 2012

election for office of
Mayor,

Councilmember Place 2,
Councilmember Place 4



Hickory Creek Parks News

Sycamore Bend now has waterfront primitive camping!

The Town of Hickory Creek's Parks and Recreation Board and Public Works teamed up with Xtreme Iron's Frank Revard to clear the brush and dead wood from the shore line at Sycamore Bend's primitive camping area. With the drought Texas is experiencing, the water

level in Lake Lewisville has dropped substantially resulting in a large, dry shoreline. The town decided to take advantage of the dry conditions and enhance the appearance of the camping area.

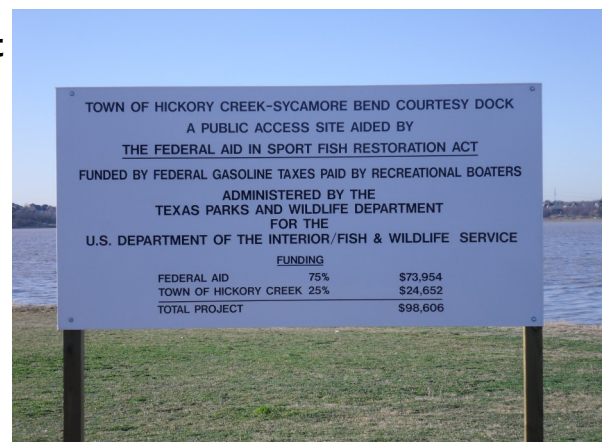
Construction will begin soon on a boat dock in Sycamore Bend Park. The town has been awarded a grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife in order to provide docking facilities for our fishermen and boaters. This is an 80/20 grant, which means that Texas Parks and Wildlife provides 80% of the funds and the Town of Hickory Creek provides 20%. Parks and recreation members should be commended for their diligence and persistence in obtaining this grant for another improvement to Sycamore Bend Park.

Hickory Creek realizes the town's parks are an important asset. As such, the town council has tasked the Parks and Recreation Board with ensuring our parks stay beautiful, safe, and useful to all citizens.

If you haven't visited Sycamore Bend recently, you should drive through and check it out.

For more information about Hickory Creek's parks, visit

<http://hickorycreek-tx.gov>.



HICKORY CREEK PARKS SYSTEM

| Hickory Creek Park Fees | Daily Fee | Annual Pass | 2 Year |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------|
| | \$2 | | |
| Day Use (Non HC Resident) | (all users) | \$20 | |
| Boat Launch (HC Resident) | \$10 | \$35 | \$60 |
| Boat Launch (Non HC Resident) | \$10 | \$60 | \$110 |
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| Camping Fee (Sycamore Bend) | \$7 day | \$40 week | |



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TIME TO RENEW ALL ALARM PERMITS



In April of 2009, Hickory Creek's Town Council approved the Alarm Permit Ordinance. It requires houses and businesses with alarm systems register yearly with the town for a permit. Residential permits must be registered in January of each year but do not require an initial fee. Addresses found without a permit for their alarm will receive citations. Contact Town Hall for applications and more information.



Delancey and Braden Meskill

The Animal Welfare Board, after conducting a garage sale, silent auction and TV raffle was able to deposit \$2,841.05 in the bank.

Our sincere appreciation and gratitude once

again go out to Delancey and Braden Meskill for donating \$400.00 from the sale of candy coated apples and other items. Every year they put their all into giving to their community with a focused compassion for the animals. Delancey & Braden we salute you for your work ethic and dedication. A big thank you also goes out to all the volunteers who gave countless hours of time and effort to make this happen. Additionally thank you to the council members who donated items, organized pickups and provided labor and initiative.

AWB chairperson Lisa Dupree, says that " The generosity of the community in donating items and money benefiting the shelter has been unsurpassed previously in a single event. It is clear to all of us on the board how much the community cares about the animals and supports our shelter. The fundraising afforded us the opportunity to save an injured tiny kitten that had been found struggling to survive in the middle of Swisher road as well as providing the funds for future medical needs of new shelter animals". Lisa indicates that the AWB will continue with fundraising efforts in support of our animals.

The winner of the 46 inch flat screen television was Sharon Anderson , congratulations.





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2012 Events

Town Offices Closed—February 20, 2012
Warrant Round-Up—February 13-February 24, 2012
General Election—May 12, 2012

Town Hall Meetings

Parks & Recreation Board
1st Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Board
1st Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Animal Welfare Board
1st Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Town Council
3rd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Board of Adjustments
3rd Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Economic Development
(4B) Corporation.
4th Thursday at 7:00 p.m.



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Please visit our websites
www.hickorycreek-tx.gov / www.hickorycreekEDC.com
Town Hall - 940-497-2528

Police Department

1075 Ronald Reagan Ave.
Hickory Creek, Texas 75065

Police Emergency 911

Police Department
(940) 497-3520

24/7 (940) 349-1600

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